(b) whether Government have decided to appoint Nyayalaya judges to decide cases at Taluk level to reduce the pendency of cases piled up in the Courts; and

(c) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Law Commission which has been entrusted with the study of Judicial Reforms has furnished its H4th Report on Gram Nyayalaya. Action is being taken to lay the copies of the Report on the Table of Parliament.

After the report is laid on the Table of Parliament, an indepth study of the report will be made and a decision will be taken as to whether, and if *so on* what lines, the recommendations contained in the Report are to be implemented by legislation.

Nationalisation of cigarette industry

634. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 33 M. Ps. have recently urged Govern. ment for the nationalisation of cigarette industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demand and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) In a memorandum submitted to the Government by 33 Members of Parliament, several measures for extending relief to Tobacco Industry including nationalisation of the Cigarette Industry as a long term solution have been urged. Government, however, does not consider it expedient to nationalise Cigarette Industry.

Vacancies of Judges in Allahabad High Court

635. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of vacancies of judges in Allahabad High Court, since when each of these posts has been lying vacant (separately), what are the reasons for delay in fill ing them up and by when they are likely to be filled up;

(b) what is the total number of cases pending in the High Court for the last three years, five years and ten years; and

(c) what measures are being taken for their quick disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 1-11-1986, 4 posts of permanent Judges and 6 posts of Additional Judges were vacant in the Allahabad High Court. The dates from which these are lying vacant are as follows: —

1. 15-10. 1984
2. 15-10-1984
3. 15-10. 1984
4. 15-10. 1984
5. 15-10-1984
6. 7-2-1985
7. 5-5-1986
8. 23-5-1986
9. 27-6-1986
10. 18-8-1986

The matter regarding filling up the existing vacancies of Judges in the Allahabad High Court is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the concerned Consti-tutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate the time by which all the vacancies will be filled up.

(b) Pendency of civil and criminal cases as on 31-12-1985

more than 3 years		more than 5 years		more than 10 years	
civil	criminal	cjvil	criminal	civil	criminal
57115	17567	55790	12570	11022	213

(c) The steps taken to reduce the pendency are listed in the attached statement. [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 24]

Affairs of HMT

636. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few months back a memorandum was submitted to the Minister of Industry by half a dozen Members of Parliament demanding a thorough probe into the affairs of the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited; and

(b) if so, what were the main complaints contained therein and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TE-WARY): (a) In December 1985, several Members of Parliament submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Industry requesting for investigation into certain alleged irregularities in HMT.

(b) Investigation was got done on the irregularities mentioned in the memorandum which mainly pertained to irregular recruitment of engineer trainees, pilferage of components in Watch Factory Tumkur and favouritism in the personnel matters. HMT management has been suitably advised in the context of findings of the investigation.

विभिन्न उच्च न्यायालयों में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद

637. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 30 सितम्बर, 1976 तक विभिन्न राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में न्यायाधीशों के कितने कितने पद रिक्त थे और ये पद कब से रिक्त है ; और

(ख) इन पदों को भरे न जाने के क्या कारण है और इन पदों को कब तक भर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एच० आर० भारद्वाज) : (क) 30 सितम्बर, 1986 को देश के विभिन्न उच्च न्यायालयों में न्यायाधीशों के 69 पद रिक्त थे। वे तारीखें जिनसे यह पद रिक्त हैं, संलग्न विवरण में दी गई हैं [**देखिये** परिशिष्ट CXL, अनुबंध संख्या 25]

(ख) सरकार संबंधित संबंधानिक प्राधिकारियों से परामर्श करके रिक्त पदों को भरने के मामले पर विचार कर रही है। अभी यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि इन सभी रिक्त पदों को कब तक भरा जायेगा । उच्च न्यायालय में अपर न्यायाधीश /न्यायाधीशों की 21 नई नियक्तियां राष्ट्रपति द्वारा **अनुमोदित** की जा चुकी है और इन्हे शीघ्र ही **अधिसूचित** कर दिया जायेगा ।

Decline in the sale Of commercial vehicles

638. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale of heavy and medium commercial vehicles has considerably declined-during the last one year; and